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TO MUCH REGULATION

Secretary Wilson Inclined to Allow More Liberal Use of National Forests.

In a recent letter to Secretary of the Interior Garfield, Secretary Wilson points out that stock interests must be considered in regulating the National Forests, since their interests are as of much importance, or more, than other interests involved.

He says in part:

"I recognize the primary importance of irrigation to the west, and the duty of protecting it fully and fairly. At the same time I want to call your attention to the relation of the sheep industry to the general welfare of the western people. The facts warrant a very careful consideration of the questions presented by you. In the past few years the policies of the present national administration have resulted in an enormous increase of sheep in the United States, as well as in almost doubling their per capita value and the value of the wool product. It would be most unfortunate if after thus giving an industry care and support, it should be curtailed by restrictive measures except when such measures are clearly necessary for the proper protection of other larger agricultural interests.

The forage upon vast areas of desert range can be utilized only by winter pasturing of sheep which are grazing within the national forests during the summer. In such cases non-use of the summer range means loss of the winter range also. The market for the products of agricultural lands in many localities is largely dependent upon sheep feeding during the winter. It is therefore evident that the interests of many irrigators, as well as those of almost all western sheep men, are involved in this question.

It has been suggested that were sheep excluded from all national forest ranges their places would be taken by the cattle of nearby settlers, but there are large areas of grazing lands within the national forests that could not be used to advantage for cattle grazing on account of distance from settlements, roughness of the country, and the kind of forage produced. The exclusion of sheep from these areas would mean the entire loss of their forage crop."

General Sampson Honored

Speaking of honored guests invited to spend the fleet week in Los Angeles, the Express says:

"Two invitations were extended by Mayor Harper to distinguished men of the west who are to be the mayors' personal guests during the visit of the fleet. One invitation was to Mayor Taylor of San Francisco, who will stay at Mayor Harper's home if he comes.

"The other was to General Archibald J. Sampson, a relative of the late Admiral Sampson, who is now living at Phoenix, Ariz. General Sampson has been attorney general of Colorado and American minister at different times to Mexico and Ecuador."

Court House News

The criminal docket at this session was quickly disposed of by Judge Sloan.

Bert Elliot pled guilty of burglary and was sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary.

Jess Garcia, wanted time so bad that he stole a watch at Williams and is now doing time at the rate of three years in the pen.

The case of Flagstaff vs. Babbitt Brothers concerning the franchise for trackage to their establishment, was continued until next term.

Jesse Bott, who perloined booze from a Santa Fe freight car, pled guilty and was requested to remain in the penitentiary for a period of fifteen months.

Aurelio Bera pled guilty to the charge of robbery and was sentenced to serve five years in Yuma. He was convicted of beating up a boy and taking his money away from him at Williams.

The Grand Jurymen made their report Wednesday, and aside from those who plead guilty, brought in four counts against C. P. Silvernail of Williams, who is charged with felony, having it is alleged, written letters of an incriminating nature. His trial is now in session.

The following civil cases were disposed of:

Grand Canyon R. R. vs. R. H. Cameron, continued for term.

E. F. Harriman vs. Anita Coppre Co., continued for term.

Wm. Correll vs. Martin and Boyce, dismissed.

Thos. F. Newman vs. Coconino Copper Co., continued for term.

Ed. I. Gale vs. R. H. Cameron, continued for term.

David Babbitt vs. J. F. Daggs, dismissed Ygnacio.

Pereatin vs. Meliton Perea, continued.

Elsie Marshall vs. John Marshall decree of divorce granted.

Daisy Mapel vs. Jesse Mapel, continued.

F. W. Girard vs. E. Coffin judgement for plaintiff.

Mildred Brown vs. Vernon Brown continued.

The following indictments were returned by the Grand Jury, in which cases defendants pled not guilty and cases were set for trial:

C. W. Bellamn for burglary.

Ray Frost for grand larceny.

Samuel Darden for burglary.

Town Flagstaff vs. David Babbitt and S. F. Ry. Co., continued for term, attorneys directed to file brief within ten days.

Frank B. Murdock vs. Geo. W. Mathews, referred back to Probate Court; citation of discovery.

American Type Foundry Co. vs. Edgar Hash, continued; attorneys directed to file briefs in ten days.

Thos. Smith vs. Santa Fe Ry. Co., continued.

Mvrtle Binkley vs. John Binkley decree divorce granted.

Territory vs. W. N. Staley, dismissed.

Territory vs. Joseph Dixon, dismissed.

Otto Orthel Married

Married in Prescott, April 7, by the Rev. R. H. Field, Otto F. Orthel and Aurelia V. Bowles. The happy couple left immediately for a trip to the coast. Many friends assembled at the depot to extend congratulations, and showers of rice and other good luck demonstrations were much in evidence. After viewing Uncle Sam's fleet, they will return to Prescott. Mr. Orthel is bookkeeper for the Head Lumber company.—Courier.

MEET AT FLAGSTAFF

Forestry Officials Will Discuss Matters Here Next Week.

A meeting of the supervisors and rangers of the Prescott, Verde, Black Mesa (North), San Francisco Mountains, and Grand Canyon (South) national forests will be held in Flagstaff, April 27, 28 and 29, the purpose of which is a general discussion of forestry affairs and an interchange of opinions of these foresters and several officials of the forestry department at Washington, who will be present.

The program for the first and second days of the meeting is confined to discussions of the regulations. Addresses will be delivered by the Washington officials the forenoon of the third day. The afternoon of the third day will be devoted to discussing rangers, files and correspondence, uniforms, the cost of forage and other local matters and conditions.

Among the officials of the forestry department who are scheduled to be present are George H. Cecil, assistant chief of organization, Arthur C. Ringland, chief of lands, Earl Clapp, chief of forest management, R. S. Kellogg, chief of wood utilization, Leon F. Kneipp, chief of control of grazing, formerly a ranger of the Prescott national forest, and there is also a possibility that James B. Adams, chief of operations, and D. D. Bronson, chief inspector, will be present.

Entry to National Forests

Notice is hereby given that the lands described below, embracing 495.82 acres, within the San Francisco Mts. and Grand Canyon National Forests, Ariz., will be subject to settlement and entry under the provision of the homestead laws of the United States and the act of June 11, 1906 (34 Stat., 233), at the United States land office at Phoenix, Arizona, on June 9, 1908.

Any settler who was actually and in good faith claiming any of said lands for agricultural purposes prior to January 1, 1906, and has not abandoned same, has a preference right to make a homestead entry for the lands actually occupied. Said lands were listed upon the applications of the persons mentioned below, who have a preference right subject to the prior right of any such settler, provided such settler or applicant is qualified to make homestead entry and the preference right is exercised prior to June 9, 1908, on which date lands will be subject to settlement and entry by any qualified person. The land are as follows:

The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 7, T. 17 N., R. 6 E., G. & S. R. M., listed upon the application of D. E. Schnebly, of Sedona, Arizona; the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8 T. 17 N., R. 6 E., application of Frank Owenby, of Sedona, Arizona; the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 18, T. 17 N., R. 6 E., application of J. A. Ranch, of Sedona, Arizona; the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lot 1 (or NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$), Section 19, T. 17 N., R. 6 E., application of Ira Owenby, of Sedona, Arizona; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 34, T. 18 N., R. 6 E., application of John F. Thompson, of Sedona, Arizona, who alleges settlement in 1905; the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lot 6 (or NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$), Section 6, T. 28 N., R. 6 E., application of George Peterson, of Flagstaff, Arizona. FRED DENNETT, Commissioner of the General Land Office. Approved, March 11, 1908. FRANK PIERCE, First Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Lists 279 and 321.

Prescott has voted \$25,000 for a new school building, which will be located in the western portion of that city.

TERRITORIAL WAIFS

Mrs. G. W. Beecher, a pioneer lady of Mohave county, died in Phoenix a few days ago.

The court house at Solomville was badly wrecked last week by the explosion of a moving picture gas tank. The windows were broken and the doors blown off their hinges.

This information is given by Captain Luther S. Kelley, Indian agent at San Carlos. Captain Kelley states that an inspection of the forests on the reservation will be made in a very short time by forest officials.

An announcement is expected in the near future to the effect that the timbered portion of the San Carlos reservation will be turned over to the bureau of forestry and will be under the supervision of the supervisor of the Tonto national forest.

As soon as he can prepare the papers, United States Attorney Alexander will file suit against the Grand Canyon Lime & Cement company of Nelson, Ariz., for \$33,886.75, which the government will allege is due for wood illegally cut from the public lands in northern Arizona.

Judge M. Redman, one of the best known citizens of Kingman disappeared from his home last Monday morning, since which time no trace of him has been found, although diligent search has been made. At the time of his disappearance he had been quite ill and it is feared that he wandered away while temporarily insane.

Married—At Camp Verde, April 9, 1908, by Justice W. S. Adams of Jerome, Miss Vine and Harvey Hance. Both are popular young residents of the valley and members of highly respected pioneer families. The ceremony was followed by a reception and wedding supper. A large gathering of people of the valley graced the occasion and gave hearty congratulations, also many useful and pretty presents.

Men and supplies are being shipped to Sycamore creek and Houston basin by the Arizona Power company to be used in the construction of a wagon road to connect the site of the company's electrical power plant, located on the Verde river, near the mouth of Fossil creek, with Mayer, the nearest railroad station. As soon as the road is in shape for heavy traffic the machinery for the great hydro-electrical power plant will be hauled in and installed. The plant will supply power to many mining districts.—Phoenix Stockman.

Resolutions of Sympathy

Whereas, death has entered our ranks and taken from us Brother D. J. Brannen the first Master Workman of Flagstaff, Lodge No. 13, A. O. U. W., a loyal workman a good and upright citizen, a kind and affectionate husband, loved by all this community.

Resolved, that we share deeply in the sorrow of the bereaved widow and family of our deceased brother and hereby tender them our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to Him, the Master Workman, who comforts all sorrow.

Flagstaff Lodge No. 13, A. O. U. W.

A. A. DUTTON,
Committee B. A. CAMERON,
J. E. RAINS.

Dated, Flagstaff, April 9th, 1908.

BASE BALL AT CLIFFS

Flagstaff Juniors and Cliffs Nine Tangle Sunday—Flagstaff Wins First Game.

A fast game of ball was played Sunday afternoon near Cliffs, at the Greenlaw mill. Although it rained a little when the boys left, after dinner, they stayed with it and made the latter part of the day victorious, by winning the game, which was very interesting to the large audience present, by a score of nine to eight, in favor of the Flagstaff roll-abouts.

The Greenlaw boys took their outs first which put the Flagstaff first to bat. In the first inning neither side made a score but in the third and fourth, the Greenlaw boys brought in two which put some of them in the air a little.

The pitcher for the Greenlaw boys was a cackler-jack being very difficult to hit.

The pitcher for Flagstaff also did good work and made several strikeouts in succession.

As a whole the boys did very well for the first game of the season and will be ready to meet their last Sunday's opponents on Sunday, April the 19th. A good game is anticipated and a large crowd is expected to be present at the local grounds. A small fee of admission will be charged and a red-hot game will be played.

After the game the Flagstaff boys were treated to a grand supper by their opponents which as they say was good and will last a week.

Obituary of Marvin S. Beal

Marvin S. Beal was born in Bath, N. Y., March 11th, 1838, and moved at an early age to Elgin, Ill., where he was married to Miss Martha J. Hartfield. He continued to reside at Elgin until the year 1880, when he removed to Flagstaff, his family following two years later.

Flagstaff has been his home since he first arrived, except for the few later years of his life, when it was necessary for him to seek another climate for his health. He leaves a wife and four daughters to mourn his loss.

Mr. Beal was one of nature's nobleman, a pioneer in Arizona and a man well beloved by the people with whom he lived the nature of life.

May Go To Yuma

Roy Frost who was arrested here last October, charged with stealing from an Indian, an Indian pouch containing a small amount of money some turcois and Indian medicine, was released from the sheriff's custody as the Indian failed to appear to testify against him. After being released he was walking down the street in company with the sheriff, when near the post-office he noticed the Indian mail-carrier from Tuba approaching on horse back and exclaimed to the sheriff "it is all off with me now, there comes the Indian that I robbed, I might as well go back and plead guilty," which he did without insisting that the Indian should appear. The fact is, it was not the Indian that Frost robbed, but a case of mistaken identity, on account of which Frost will probably take a trip to Yuma, with expenses paid.